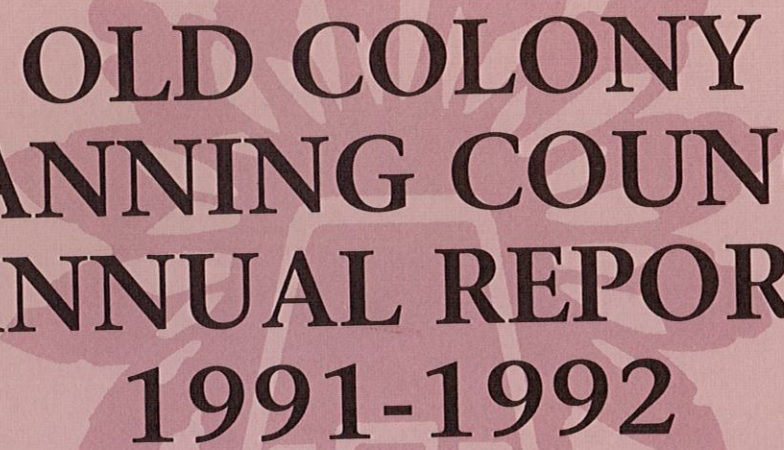




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■ OCPC PLANNING DISTRICT

TRANSPORTATION

The Old Colony Planning Council transportation planning activities are directed by the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) which advises the Council and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on all transportation issues and concerns. A principle function of the Committee is to provide citizens with access to the transportation planning process. Under the FY 92 Unified Work Program, the Council staff carried out a wide variety of activities drawing on the JTC for advice and guidance. These included:

- o Providing technical assistance to Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT);
- o Monitoring/coordinating elderly and handicapped service in OCPC region;
- o Developing the "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Implementation Plan" for the Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT);
- o Monitoring BAT's ridership productivity;
- o Compiling and distributing 1990 U.S. Census data;
- o Updating population projections based on 1990 U.S. Census;
- o Developing the FY 93 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
- o Continuing to develop and update the Regional Comprehensive Transportation Plan through the development of a regional transportation network;
- o Providing technical assistance to member communities in developing and maintaining a Pavement Management System;
- o Continuing to update Road Inventory Files for OCPC's communities;
- o Continuing studying transportation/traffic needs/growth management at key locations and along major corridors;
- o Providing speed and vehicle classification studies for OCPC communities upon request;
- o Participating and endorsing the Old Colony Commuter Rail Restoration Project;
- o Monitoring regional air quality impacts on federally funded transportation projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);

Mayor Winthrop H. Farwell, Jr. and BAT Administrator Charles Stevenson (L) dedicate new BAT buses.



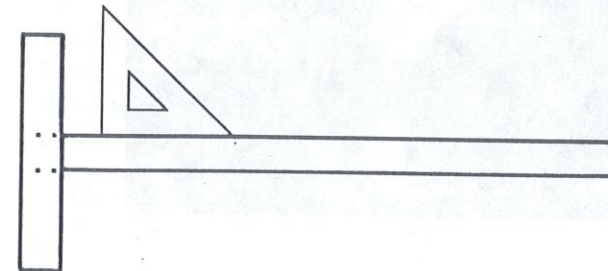
Construction progresses on Hazardous Intersection Elimination Program.

- o Reviewing Environmental Notification Forms (ENFs), Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for projects in the OCPC Region;
- o Reviewing and supporting progress of the relocation and reconstruction of Route 44;
- o Reviewing BAT's proposed acquisitions of additional new fixed route buses;
- o Developing traffic zones to be used with the 1990 U.S. Census Journey-To-Work data;
- o Conducting Route 28 Corridor Study, and;
- o Updating the Federal-Aid Urban Area Boundaries for OCPC Region based on the 1990 U.S. Census.
- o Collecting and maintaining regional traffic counts, accident data and other related statistics for Transportation Planning studies.

PLANNING

Comprehensive Planning, Land Use/Development Control studies and Environmental Protection efforts are basic Council activities. This year's efforts included:

- o Selecting alternatives and beginning the design phase of the EPA-funded Avon Industrial Park Best Management Practices Project to protect Brockton's reactivated downstream Avon Reservoir.
- o Completing initial planning studies for the Towns of Easton and Avon.
- o Working with the Town of Abington and the South Weymouth Naval Air Station Reuse Study Committee to complete an Interim Report defining issues for further study.
- o Participating in state and local reviews of proposals such as:
 - Noting infrastructure and access aspects of the candidate Plymouth and Middleboro sites for a Second Metropolitan Airport.
 - Reviewing the Taunton River diversion proposed as the long-term solution to the Brockton Area water supply needs.
 - Commenting on proposals for a plastic recycling center in Avon and a trash transfer station in Abington.
 - Reviewing proposed regulations for the state's Aquifer Land Acquisition Program.
 - Noting the probable increased travel time implications of relocating the Kingston Commuter Rail Station from Rte. 3A to the Kingston Industrial Park.
 - Commenting on and opposing a Brockton Medical Waste disposal facility subject to the "Developments of Regional Impact" review process established by memoranda of understanding with area communities.
 - Reviewing and upholding the Brockton Historic District Commission's protection of the South Congregational Church from demolition under the appeal process of the Mass. Historic Districts statute.
- o Providing technical assistance to communities and agencies, e.g.:
 - Zoning assistance regarding site plan review procedures, provisions and fees for East Bridgewater, Pembroke and Avon.
 - Housing data, policy and project review assistance to Brockton's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) and the Kingston Board of Appeals' Comprehensive Permit review of the Anglewood affordable housing proposal.
 - Preparation of state and federal applications such as Small Cities Block Grant applications by Pembroke and Plymouth.
 - Support to the Halifax-based Monponsett Corridor Area of Critical Environmental Concern Task Force in defining the area and demonstrating its significance.
 - Industrial contact and field inspection support to Brockton's investigation of water supply use of former industrial wells.
- o Participating in and supporting other regional efforts such as:
 - Reviewing and commenting on the annual work program of the Pilgrim Resource Conservation and Development Area Council.
 - Providing a detailed response to the draft Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan of the Massachusetts Bays Project and serving on several committees of the Project.



ELDER SERVICES

The Area Agency on Aging continues to be involved in the planning, coordination, and funding of elderly services in its twenty-three community service area. Efforts have been focused on responding to the needs of an increasingly frail elderly population and their caregivers. In collaboration with local councils on aging and elder service providers, the Area Agency funded the following services with Older Americans Act monies in Fiscal Year 1992:

- o Senior center and outreach programs
- o Home health and respite services
- o In-home mental health services
- o Services for elders with various physical disabilities
- o Transportation services
- o Legal services
- o Emergency services
- o Congregate and home delivered meals
- o Services to families and caregivers



OCPC Area Agency on Aging Chairperson Dolores Kent of Easton presides at AAA Annual Meeting.

Nursing Home Ombudsman Director Sue Ryan and staff members and volunteers participate in AAA Annual Meeting.



Another major function of the Area Agency is administering the Nursing Home Ombudsman Program. Certified ombudsman, including both staff and volunteers, provide weekly visitation to residents in fifty-five nursing and rest homes. Ombudsman assist residents in resolving the full spectrum of issues and concerns and play an important role in improving the quality of care for residents.

Other areas in which the Area Agency has been involved in Fiscal Year 1992 include:

- o Cosponsoring a major conference dealing with abuse, neglect, mistreatment and financial exploitation of elders.
- o Participating in the development of the Alzheimer's Partnership serving Bristol, Norfolk and Plymouth Counties whose mission is to improve the quality and availability of services for Alzheimer's patients and families.
- o Providing technical assistance and disseminating information to organizations and businesses in the region for the purpose of assisting working caregivers with their eldercare needs.
- o Conducting nutrition, health and other community education events for elders and service providers.

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